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PRICES OF IRON ORE
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the annual domestic consumption of iron ore in the country and the total quantity of iron ore exported during each of the last three years, Country-wise;

(b) the total production of iron ore and its domestic sales during the said period; (

(c) the details of prices of iron ore during the April 2004 to 2008; and

(d) the details of various taxes and the rates at which they are being levied by the Union and State Governments on iron ore during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTRY OF MINES(SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a)& (b): As per available information, production and domestic consumption of iron-ore during 2004-05 to 2006-07 is given below:

(in million tones)

Year	production	Consumption
2004-05	145.94	57.84
2005-06 (provisional)	165.23	63.43
2006-07 (provisional)	180.91	72.00

Details of country-wise iron-ore export in the last three years are given below:-

(Quantity: in million metric tonnes)

Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07 (Provisional)
China	59.40	74.13	80.16
Japan	11.13	10.33	8.63
South Korea	2.18	1.32	1.91
Taiwan	0.61	0.14	-
Europe	2.89	2.10	2.07
Other countries	1.93	1.25	1.02
Total	78.14	89.27	93.79

(c) : The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) : As per available information, an export duty of Rs. 300 per tonne is levied on all iron ore, except for iron ore fines with less than 62% Fe content, for which export duty is levied at Rs. 50 per tonne. State Governments collect royalty at rates ranging from Rs. 4.00 to Rs. 27.00 per tonne, dead rent at the rate of Rs. 100.00 per hectare per annum for first two years of idle holding of lease and Rs. 400.00 per hectare per annum for third year. In addition, the State Governments levy cess/taxes in their respective areas.